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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/31/02	08/24/02
BRO-FRY	168,656	165,897
LT HENS	1,909	1,909
HVY HENS	1,696	1,706

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 17-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

WEEK ENDING 23-AUG-02 UNAVAILABLE

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
	17-Aug-02	17-Aug-02	17-Aug-02
HEAD	302	4	306
LAST WEEK	326	7	333
SAME WK YR AGO	359	8	367
TO DATE 2002	10,293	219	10,512
TO DATE 2001	14,877	224	15,101

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,066	1,527	3,593
LAST WEEK	2,064	1,612	3,676
SAME WK YR AGO	2,154	1,474	3,628
TO DATE 2002	68,556	45,407	113,963
TO DATE 2001	73,113	45,589	118,702

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 24-Aug-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,767 (A)	1,779	1,650	3,429
AVG WT	4.99	3.32	7.93	5.54
LAST WEEK	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287
SAME WEEK YR AGO	158,648	1,696	1,421	3,117
AVG WT	4.92	3.39	8.16	5.56
TO-DATE/2002	5,275,244	60,042	46,838	106,880
TO-DATE/2001	5,217,657	59,932	46,786	106,718

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.7 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING August 17, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	15,906	15,741	22,779
AVG WEIGHT	3.87	4.84	5.84
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	29%	42%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	17,251	21,381	28,745
AVG WEIGHT	3.84	4.88	6.33
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	32%	43%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	30,950	33,280	38,253
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.63	5.99
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	32%	37%
TO DATE/2002	904,231	774,063	1,437,609
TO DATE/2001	1,072,917	907,576	1,451,520

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Aug-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,174	2,816	64	13	5,170
AVG WT	15.41	34.25	24.45	26.68	26.19
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,885	2,816	86	0	4,787
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,892	3,098	60	12	5,062
AVG WT	15.17	32.69	23.95	26.16	26.03
TO-DATE/2002	62,296	92,145	1,679	267	156,387
TO-DATE/2001	68,114	92,001	1,419	407	161,941

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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